

COVID-19

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING



Tuesday, August 11, 2020

VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE PROVIDES UPDATE ON SNOHOMISH COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE

Snohomish County leaders on Tuesday gave updates on the response to COVID-19 in here. Featured topics included economic recovery efforts, with a focus on aerospace, and the work of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.

Virtual press conference provides update on Snohomish County COVID-19 response

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, Snohomish District Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Snohomish Health District Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator Therese Quinn on Tuesday gave updates on the response to COVID-19 in Snohomish County. Featured topics included economic recovery efforts, with a focus on aerospace, and the work of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.

Dr. Spitters also broke down the latest data about COVID-19 cases in the county, including some signs suggesting that efforts at maintaining social distancing and wearing face coverings are starting to pay off.

"We really need to see that continue, to come down for another couple of weeks, before I think we can really say with confidence that that's not just an aberration. But it's certainly a good signal that the community's efforts to get things under control have helped," Spitters said.

A video of the press briefing can be viewed [here](#).

Find the transcript [here](#).



COVID-19 CASES SHOW SLIGHT DROP

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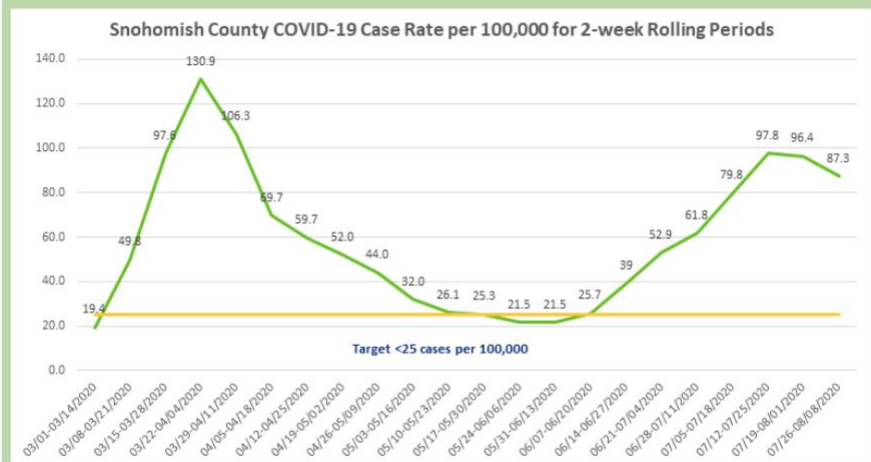
COVID-19 cases show slight drop

After six weeks of increasing case rates, Snohomish County saw a slight drop in new cases per 100,000 population for the period from July 26 to August 8. The county still is at nearly 100 cases per 100,000 population, and everyone needs to keep up the efforts to reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Remember:

- Wear a face cover in shared spaces, including outdoors if you cannot maintain at least six feet of distance from others.
- Wash your hands often, and use hand sanitizer when you don't have a sink and soap nearby.
- Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces in your home and workspace.
- Stay home if you are feeling ill, and get tested if you have symptoms of COVID.
- Avoid large gatherings, and keep social groups small (five or fewer from outside your household) and consistent.

Snohomish County COVID-19 Case Rate Per 100K for 2-Week Rolling Periods



VIDEO: HOW TO ENCOURAGE KIDS TO WEAR MASKS

The JIC released a brief social media video with tips for helping kids be part of the #MaskUpWA effort..

Video: How to encourage kids to wear masks

Since June 26, most people in Washington, aged 5 and up, have been [required to wear face coverings](#) when in public spaces as part of efforts to curb the spread of coronavirus. [Exemptions include](#) those with certain medical conditions and children under 2, who should not wear a face covering. Children ages 2 to 4 are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face covering in public with the assistance and supervision of an adult.

The Joint Information Center has prepared a brief video with tips for helping kids be part of the #MaskUpWA effort.

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INSLEE ANNOUNCES RELIEF FUNDS TO HELP IMMIGRANTS, AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the creation of two funds to help immigrants and agricultural workers during the COVID-19 pandemic: the Immigrant Relief Fund and the Food Production Paid Leave Program.

LATEST SAFE START GUIDANCE: AGRICULTURAL EVENTS, UPDATES FOR INDOOR FITNESS, RELIGIOUS AND FAITH-BASED SERVICES

New guidance as part of Washington's Safe Start phased reopening plan has been released. Links to the guidance at right.

Inslee announces relief funds to help immigrants, agricultural workers

Gov. Jay Inslee on Monday announced the creation of two funds to help workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Immigrant Relief Fund will provide \$40 million to assist Washington residents who are unable to access federal stimulus programs due to their immigration status, and the Food Production Paid Leave Program will provide \$3 million of financial resources to certain food production workers who remain home when ill.

The governor and his staff worked closely with a coalition representing 430 immigrant rights and social services organizations, and labor advocacy leaders, to develop the funds.

"We have to ensure that no one in our state is left behind as we fight this pandemic," Inslee said. "COVID-19 doesn't care what your immigration status is. We must support every family affected by the virus, especially those who lack the necessary means to quarantine or isolate and prevent further spread. This is the right thing for the well-being of individuals, the health of their colleagues and the safety of our communities."

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has issued a [request for proposals](#) to select a nonprofit that will administer the Immigrant Relief Fund. The institution will then partner with community organizations to manage applications and awards of \$1,000 per eligible individual. Initial awards are expected to be made later in the fall.

For more details, read the [full press release](#).

Latest Safe Start guidance: agricultural events, updates for indoor fitness, religious and faith-based services

Gov. Jay Inslee Monday issued new guidance as part of Washington's [Safe Start](#) phased reopening plan.

Agricultural events:

These guidelines apply to livestock and horse exhibitions/shows/sales/auctions, companion animal (dog, cats, rabbits, etc.) shows, or any substantially similar event.

Guidance documents:

- [Phase 2 Agricultural Events COVID-19 Requirements](#)
- [Memo: Agricultural Events](#)

Indoor fitness frequently asked questions:

Inslee also released [additional FAQ clarification](#) related to indoor fitness guidance.

The FAQ expands on [guidance](#) released August 3 and is effective August 10. The updated FAQs clarify guidance for larger indoor fitness and training facilities where adequate social distancing and sanitation protocols can be followed. In all cases, individuals are encouraged to exercise outdoors whenever possible.

Read the updated fitness FAQs [here](#).

Updated guidance for religious and faith-based services:

Additionally, Inslee issued [updated guidance](#) for religious and faith-based services.

The guidance, which reduces restrictions for some religious and faith-based services, is effective today.

Read the full updated guidance [here](#).

Find a full list of current reopening guidance [here](#).



DOH LAUNCHES COVID-19 FARMWORKER STUDY (EL STUDIO COVID-19 DE TRABAJADORES AGRICOLAS)

The state Department of Health Community Engagement Taskforce has launched the COVID-19 Farmworker Study (COFS), a collaborative tri-state research project to provide a rapid response analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on farmworker communities throughout the U.S. West coast.

DOH launches COVID-19 farmworker study.
([El estudio COVID-19 de trabajadores agrícolas](#))



The state Department of Health's COVID-19 Community Engagement Taskforce is an effort to provide timely, accurate, culturally and linguistically appropriate, and community-centric information and resources to vulnerable, marginalized, and most impacted communities statewide.

In April, the taskforce began participating in the research design for what would become the COVID-19 Farmworker Study (COFS). COFS is a collaborative tri-state research project coordinated by the California Institute for Rural Studies (CIRS) to provide a rapid response analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on farmworker communities throughout the U.S. West coast. This past week, the California research team revealed a preliminary data summary of the 911 surveys of California farmworkers completed on July 24, 2020.

Preliminary findings from California show that contrary to popular opinions about behavior, the majority of farmworkers do wear facemasks. The data also begins to illustrate the

THURSDAY DEADLINE FOR MARYSVILLE CARES COMMUNITY RENT RELIEF GRANTS

The deadline to apply for a Marysville CARES Community Rent Relief grant is Thursday, August 13. Link at right.

LAKE STEVENS SCHOOLS PROVIDE ANSWERS TO SOME DISTANCE LEARNING QUESTIONS

Lake Stevens School District has published a FAQ for families about distance learning this coming school year. Link at right.

transformation of an entire industry due to COVID-19. Click [here](#) to view a video on the COFS project.

The Washington COFS data collection team will begin to collect surveys of farmworkers throughout the state this month. If you are a farmworker or can refer farmworkers to participate in the study, please contact CETF team member Tomás Madrigal at Tomas.Madrigal@doh.wa.gov. Farmworker participants will be surveyed by promotoras (community health workers) from farmworker serving community based organizations that are part of the project's data team. They are also eligible for a \$20 incentive for their time and participation.

Read the state's story about the project [here](#).

Thursday deadline for Marysville CARES Community Rent Relief grants

Last chance! The deadline is this Thursday, Aug. 13, for people and families in Marysville to apply for a [rent relief grant](#) of up to \$1,500.

Marysville CARES grants are available to residents who meet these criteria:

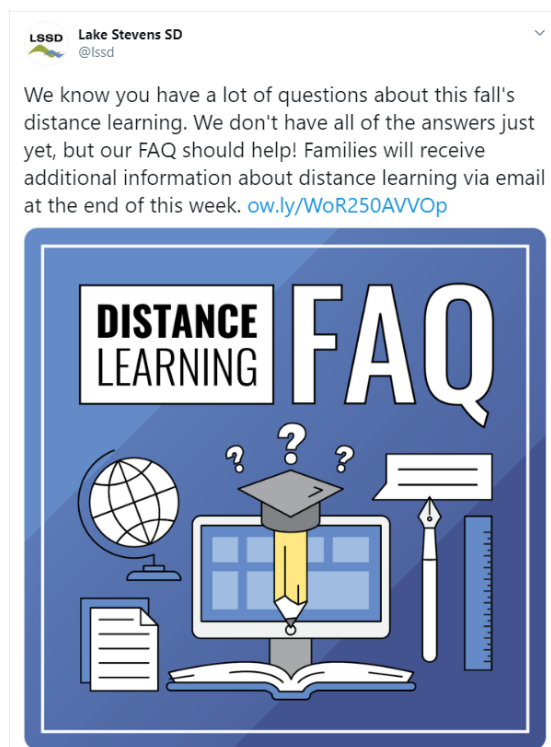
- Live within Marysville city limits,
- Are behind in rental payments,
- Are economically impacted by COVID-19,
- Were not delinquent on rent for six months prior to March 1,
- Current median monthly household income is below 60% of area median; for a family of four, for example, that is \$3,895 per month.

Apply online at <http://ow.ly/oAPZ50AMNJz>



Lake Stevens schools provide answers to some distance learning questions

More details later this week, but here's information to get you started:
<https://t.co/j5GBJfNApn?amp=1>



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON WILL SHIFT MORE THAN 90% OF CLASSES ONLINE THIS FALL

The University of Washington has announced that 90% of classes on the Seattle campus will be online this fall.

LOOKING FOR SUPPORT? CALL WASHINGTON LISTENS

Washington Listens offers support to manage elevated stress and cope with the changes due to COVID-19. The program is anonymous.

STOP STIGMA AROUND COVID-19

The CDC encourages everyone to stop the stigma around COVID-19 in your community by knowing the facts and sharing them with others.

University of Washington will shift more than 90% of classes online this fall

Due to current and anticipated COVID-19 cases in the State, University of will shift more than 90% of classes on the Seattle campus online this fall. Only classes that cannot be taught remotely will be held in person, with appropriate safety measures and physical distancing in place.

For more information please read UW's [announcement](#).



Looking for support? Call Washington Listens

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Washington has launched a support program called Washington Listens. People who use Washington Listens services receive support to manage elevated stress and cope with the changes due to COVID-19. Washington Listens is available to anyone in Washington to speak to a support specialist. Callers receive support and connection to community resources in their area. The program is anonymous. The only information Washington Listens tracks are the number of calls and the nature of those calls, to ensure that people's needs are met.



Call Washington Listens at 1-833-681-0211.

Stop stigma around COVID-19



Stigma hurts everyone. No single group, ethnicity or population in the U.S. is more likely to spread COVID-19 than others. Help stop the stigma in your community by knowing the facts and sharing them with others. For more information on how to stop stigma around COVID-19 in your community visit <https://bit.ly/2XWt80L>.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID- 19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Línea telefónica COVID-19 del condado de Snohomish: **425-388-7120**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of August 11, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	5,556 (up 37 cases from 8/10)
Probable	678 (up 47 cases from 8/10)
Deaths	193

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	267 (147 recovered)
Bothell*	466 (260 recovered)
Brier	30 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	523 (370 recovered)
Everett	1,837 (1,145 recovered)
Gold Bar	12 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	45 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	286 (157 recovered)
Lynnwood	1,019 (684 recovered)
Marysville	546 (341 recovered)
Mill Creek	104 (57 recovered)
Monroe	226 (104 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	179 (125 recovered)
Mukilteo	104 (75 recovered)
Snohomish	389 (189 recovered)
Stanwood	169 (117 recovered)
Sultan	29 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	44 (26 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	23 (14 recovered)
Woodway	13 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.